IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stefan KAMMERMEIER et al.

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POLYSACCHARIDE MICROSPHERES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 18-33 and 35-37, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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